

Testimony for the House Transportation Committee for HB 5198 on June 12, 2012

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, this is the fifth time the National Motorists Association has asked for repeal of all or part of the Driver Responsibility Act. We testified against this terrible law before it was passed. The disastrous consequences of what the bill would do to thousands of lower income citizens were obvious to us, and did in fact occur.

The NMA supports this bill but suggests a better solution for the Driver Responsibility Act that then-Representative Pearce called "*a monster we need to fix*" in 2006.

Rather than use some surplus to accelerate the reduction of an insignificant one tenth of one percent in income tax by a few months - which might fund an unimportant trip to a fast food restaurant for each taxpayer - why not dedicate about \$90 million of surplus to a total repeal of the DRA, effective October 1, 2012, which would put the DRA monster in the grave.

Most judges hate the law, many police officials are reluctant to apply it, and it has destroyed the financial lives of thousands and thousands of citizens who could never pay the high fees. And the Senate Fiscal analysis in 2006 showed it did not reduce serious offenses.

The moral, judicial, and social problems caused by the DRA are so devastating that all of it should be ended forever. The damage we are doing to thousands of our citizens and to our society as a whole is unacceptable ... and must stop.

I would be happy to take any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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